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Working on the Plane Gang

By Senior Airman Paul Reid Hanna
Public Affairs

When aircraft pull in for a pit stop at Dobbins Air Reserve Base, members of the 94th Airlift Wing Maintenance Squadron Machine Shop are ready with the tools of their trade to troubleshoot and resolve problems ranging from cracked fuselage skin to broken bolts and fuel line leaks. A complete repair center, these Air Force Reserve crews take care of planes passing through along with those stationed here.

Made up of several sections, the shop is responsible for caring for a plane from nose to tail. A parachute section takes care of crew chutes and life rafts while the non-destructive inspection team x-ray frames and ribs of the structure checking for cracks. Paint and sheet metal repair sections can handle any type of temporary or permanent fix to the fuselage and machinists and welders perform a variety of tasks to take care of repairs to the frame and any other part of the plane that requires special tooling and skills.

The Machine Shop provides the maintenance required by aircraft like the C-130 Hercules. And, while the Hercules has been at Dobbins for 20-years, so have many of the shop's reservists. These reservists have worked together for years and it shows in their performance. In addition to maintaining the Hercules, they perform maintenance on transient aircraft, the flight simulator and often provide support to Navy and Marine maintenance crews.

"The reason I stayed in the Air Force Reserve so long is the feeling of coming in once a month to be a part of this unit and for the camaraderie," said Master Sgt. Robert Hrisak, an aircraft structural maintenance technician. Hrisak has been a reservist for 20-years, and is also

a systems technology senior with Dow chemical in his civilian life.

"Working here makes me feel unique," said Tech. Sgt. William Combs, a nondestructive inspection technician. Examining aircraft frames requires attention to detail and patience. Combs' experiences as a paramedic and fire engine operator as a civilian give him extra insight for problem solving that he brings to the Machine Shop team.

The shop can manufacture parts that are no longer available or are very expensive, saving time and money according to Tech. Sgt. Jack LaPrade, a metals technologist. He works as an air welder and a machinist and is a blacksmith in his civilian life.

"The maintenance on aircraft brings all machine shop sections together during the UTA, but geography separates us the rest of the time," said LaPrade. "I look forward to seeing friends when I come to work."

According to LaPrade repair jobs come in every day and are routine and emergency repairs are often made, but with their interaction,

expertise and efficiency, the teams go about their jobs to solve problems and get the planes back in the air.



Technical Sgt. Jack LaPrade, 94th Maintenance Squadron metals technologist repairs a shower part in the Machine Shop during a UTA. (Photo by Don Peek)

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Around the Wing



(Photo by Don Peek)

By Capt. Patrick Smith
622 Regional Support Group, executive officer

A little over six months after I graduated law school at Emory University, my services were requested by the Air Force Reserve and I left my position at Hull, Towill, Norman, Barrett and Salley — a Law Firm in Augusta.

My boss was aware of my Reserve affiliation prior to my call-up and fully supported me. Though a small business, the firm, like so many other great businesses around the nation, offered to shore up the gap between my military and civilian pay. They even maintain contact with my wife and support her while I'm away. My employer is going above and beyond lawful requirements. They are committing an act that is becoming less common in our national fabric — they are being good neighbors.

We've all heard horror stories about civilian employers, but we should remember our responsibility to the employer. No written law requires activated reservists to contact their employers once a month and inform them of their status. In contrast, civilian employers are required to comply with numerous laws in the Uniformed Services Re-employment Rights Act of 1994. USERRA ensures that servicemembers who voluntarily or involuntarily

leave their civilian positions to serve on active duty have, upon completion of their tour, the right to return to their jobs with the same seniority, pay and position they held prior to their tour of duty. Accountability is as important to civilian managers as it is to military supervisors. Like us, they want to know where their people are, how they are doing and, of course, when they will return. While we can't always tell them where we are and when we will return, we can and should keep them informed about our status while we are activated.

Since the collapse of the Berlin Wall in 1989 reserve deployments have increased 1,300 percent. More than 260,000 reservists and guardsmen participated in Operation Desert Storm in 1991. Today, Reserve forces comprise 20 percent of the overall Air Force capability and we do it while using just four percent of the budget. Of course, the Reserve has smaller infrastructure costs than our active-duty siblings, but our role is as critical to the mission. Brig. Gen. Arthur Diehl III hit the nail on the head when he said, "No longer are they a force in 'reserve.' They are fully integrated in the day-to-day mission of our Air Force training to the same standards of our active duty. No longer are they known as 'week-end warriors,' since the average number days Reserve aircrew members spend on duty every year is 144, with support members averaging 63 days. They are known in our Air Force as professionals, volunteers and our neighbors."

A famous fable entitled, For Want of a Nail, illustrates the importance of seemingly small details.

For the want of a nail, the shoe was lost; For the want of the shoe, the horse was lost; For the want of the horse, the rider was lost; For the want of a rider, the battle was lost; For the want of the battle, the kingdom was lost; All for the want of a nail.

Without the support of employers, reservists suffer and ultimately the mission suffers. A critical link exists between the increasing mission and employment of reserve forces and increased employer support of the reserves. The key to this

sometimes tenuous relationship between the USAFR, the reservist and the employer is superior communication to the reservist's employer. The more they know and understand about what both the Reserves and the individual member do, the easier and more "palatable" it becomes for the employer to find a way to support the individual reservist. That very support plays a greater role in this nation's defense than they often realize. They are as much a part of the war on terror as the individuals who are called to serve. Losing the "kingdom" for want of communication is unacceptable.

Top-Three Connection



(Photo by Don Peek)

By Chief Master Sgt. Walt Langford
80th Aerial Port Squadron, aerial port operations superintendent

Although we're still in the middle of summer, a change of seasons is on the way. It's time to get ready for our annual Fall Fling. On Oct. 5 at the end of the UTA, the Dobbins Chief's Group will host the event in the Fuel Cell Hangar.

This year will be no different than others. All of Dobbins is invited to attend this gathering. A special program, recognizing the wing's accomplishments with the C-130 aircraft is planned in conjunc-

tion with the fling.

As a member of the Chief's Group, our goal is to put on a program that would allow reservists, Dobbins employees, retirees and our families to come together and enjoy the company of the Dobbins ARB community. Any donations we receive are put back to work for reservists at Dobbins. For example, we give cash to the winners of the top airmen awards, help with holiday needs and medical needs for those of us who need a little help, and sponsor or assist with a number of base programs.

Due to the events of Sept. 11, we cancelled last year's fling. Those events add to the significance of this year's fling. It has been a long, challenging year for everyone here. From deployments to activations, everyone has pitched in and answered the call to support our nation during this difficult time.

As you walk through the work sections on base, everything seems to have taken on a different meaning since Sept. 11. Camaraderie and esprit de corps are more evident now than ever. This is the very reason we are hosting the fling. The event is our way of saying thanks and recognizing the tremendous efforts put forth in previous months. We want everyone to come out and enjoy themselves and most of all - RELAX.

The men and women of Dobbins Air Reserve Base, and especially the 80th Aerial Port Squadron, plan to go above and beyond to ensure this fling will be a memorable one. We'll spend a considerable amount of time putting together a first-class program, complete with music, food and beverages, and numerous door prizes. There's something for everybody. We've managed to get our hands on a toolbox complete with more than 250 tools to give away. It's valued at over \$500. To purchase tickets for this prize, see anyone wearing the chief's stripe. Everything else is free.

Bring your antacids because there will be a chili and hot wing cook off. I challenge anyone who thinks they can work some magic in the kitchen to participate. We hope to see you there.

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Air Force pioneer, decorated Tuskegee Airman dies

By President George W. Bush

WASHINGTON — On July 4th, America lost a true hero when Gen. Benjamin Oliver Davis Jr. died at Walter Reed Medical Center in Washington, D.C. Throughout his career, General Davis served the cause of freedom with distinction and dignity. He will be sorely missed. On behalf of a grateful nation, Laura and I send our condolences to the Davis family.

We will remember General Davis most for his leadership of the legendary Tuskegee Airmen during World War II. The segregated African-American 332nd Fighter Group flew more than 15,000 sorties against the Nazi Luftwaffe, destroyed over 250 enemy aircraft, and never lost a single Allied plane flying under its escort protection. Davis' leadership and the dazzling success of his Tuskegee Airman contributed greatly to the victory over fascism abroad — and to important victories over



President Bill Clinton (left) and Elnora Davis McLendon (right) pin the fourth star on the epaulets of retired Gen. Benjamin O. Davis during a White House ceremony Dec. 9, 1998. Davis, who commanded the famed Tuskegee Airmen during World War II, died July 4 at Walter Reed Army Medical Center in Washington of Alzheimer's disease at age 89.

discrimination here at home, especially the desegregation of the Armed Services ordered by President Truman in 1948.

The quiet courage, discipline, and high achievement of the Tuskegee Airmen simply mirrored the qualities that Benjamin Davis Jr. demonstrated throughout his career. A graduate of West Point, he was a recipient of the Silver Star and Distinguished Flying Cross and was the first African American in the Air Force to earn a star. He retired with the rank of lieutenant general and was awarded his fourth star after his retirement in 1998. His passing on the date of our nation's independence underscores the independence and pride with which he served our nation's highest ideals. General Davis left our country better than he found it and his legacy will endure for as long as Americans seek to protect — and perfect — our Union.

Change allows more Reserve athletes to compete

ROBINS AIR FORCE BASE, Ga. — Air Force reservists who attend Air Force or higher-level sports training camps and compete in military-sponsored sporting events are now eligible for pay.

Air Force Reserve Command athletes can now be placed on paid "man-day" status under the Military Personnel Appropriation program, according to the Air Force Services Agency.

Previously, reservists who attended training camps were placed on an active-duty tour in order to receive lodging, travel and points, but were not paid. Now, the allotted MPA man-days cover pay and allowances, while the host training or competition base provides the lodging and travel expenses.

"We had capable competitors who wanted to participate in training but couldn't afford to take a week or two off from their civilian jobs," said Lynda Sheltnire, chief of the recreational support in the AFRC directorate of services. "Now, Air Force competitors can be paid while they are training and competing."

Sheltnire said that "man-days" are also available for some athletes who compete in armed forces competitions when no Air Force tryouts or training camps exist.

"We have had a skeet shooter compete in Pan Am games and the Olympic trials," Sheltnire said.

Typically, Olympic-caliber athletes are accepted into the World Class Athlete Program and placed on active duty to facilitate full-time training.

Military athletes apply for training camps using an Air Force Form 303, Request for USAF Specialized Sports Training, a resume-type document used to choose participants. Along with the AF Form 303, reservists submit an AF Form 49, Application for MPA Man-Day Tour, with their supervisor's and commander's approval to use MPA days.

Individuals are allowed up to 139 MPA days during the fiscal year if required, including any MPA days they may use at their respective unit. Chief Master Sgt. Larry Kalivoda, chief of the air reserve branch at the Air Force Services Agency, said that the only reason MPA days for sports competitions were denied in the past was because of the 139-day MPA limit.

To be considered for Air Force sports competitions, reservists must mail both completed forms to HQ AFRC/SVPR, 255 Richard Ray Boulevard, Robins AFB, Ga. 31098-1637 no later than 60 days prior to the start of the respective training.

If the Air Force approves an application, the Air Force Services Agency allocates the appropriate number of MPA days to the individual's military unit. (Courtesy of AFRC News Service)

94th, Lil Bill participate in July 4th parade



Lil Bill, a mini C-130 belonging to the 403rd Wing, Keesler Air Force Base, Miss., participated in this year's 4th of July parade in downtown Atlanta. The mini C-130 was transported to Dobbins on an actual C-130. Also taking part in the parade were the 94th Airlift Wing Honor Guard and the Dobbins Fire Department. (Photo by Don Peek)

Making life normal again

After returning home from a deployment, you may find that many things have changed. How do you begin making life normal again? You're not the same person you were before you left, and neither are the people you love and work with. How can you assure your reunion and the time afterward are "mentally healthy"?

Begin by realizing that your reunion is more than just coming home. In fact, research shows that the reunion can cause more stress in people's lives than the deployment. The stress comes from the changes that have taken place and concern about what life will be like after you have been separated. Stress is normal, but if it goes unrecognized and unmanaged, it can lead to serious physical and mental health problems, or show itself through alcohol abuse or domestic problems. If handled correctly, it can be turned into a source of energy and enthusiasm about starting a brand-new life with your family and friends.

Changes to expect

Here are several changes to watch out for:

- * More independence: Those at home or at work

were forced to become more independent in your absence. They've taken on new responsibilities, made their own decisions, and set their schedules. As a result, they've become more confident and proud of their accomplishments — you might even feel hurt that they did so well on their own. Try to feel proud of their growth, acknowledging it with positive words.

- * New rules: Things have changed at home while you were gone, including the rules and procedures the family uses to keep things going. Some were temporary "amendments" to the old rules to compensate for your absence, while others arose because the needs of your family changed. In either case, don't rock the boat. The rules that are no longer needed will fade away and those that stay probably have a good reason.

- * New roles: Those at home had to take on your roles, and reversing them immediately to the way they were before the deployment isn't easy or even advisable. Take some time to renegotiate the roles that each of you play in the family or relationship.

Common coping strategies

Every individual and family will have a unique situation to address when returning from deployment. Here are some common strategies you can use to ease this period of transition:

- * Communicate: The key to making a healthy transition is to discuss everything openly. It's vital that everyone make an honest effort to talk and listen to each other's experiences while avoiding the "I had it worse" syndrome.

- * Approach others as equals: At home or work, avoid the "I'm home and I'll take charge" or the "I'm not budging" attitudes. The fact that everybody managed to cope during your deployment doesn't mean that everyone enjoyed it. Focus on the fact that now you can do things together.

- * Find out what new skills everyone has learned. Make a point to learn how everyone has grown during the deployment.

- * Be patient: Starting over will be difficult for everyone.

- * Arrange quiet time: For the first month, set aside a regular time to discuss the past few days and any questions or concerns that have come up. At home, this can be done over dinner with family and at work schedule a meeting or set aside 20 minutes at lunch to talk with your boss or coworkers.

- * Stay positive: Keep criticism to a minimum; if it can't be avoided, keep it constructive. Even if you don't agree with decisions that were made during your absence, remember that you probably don't know all of the circumstances, and that these decisions were made under a great deal of stress.

- * Don't expect old problems to be gone: If you had difficulties with people or situations at home or at work before you left, it's unlikely your absence solved them.

Anniversary coin commemorates 20 years of H-Model planes at Dobbins ARB



These numbered coins are a planned part of the 20th Anniversary celebration of the C-130 Hercules delivery. The coin is selling for \$12 with proceeds going to the 700th Airlift Squadron's unit fund. The first hundred coins are reserved for wing members assigned in 1982. One special pure silver coin, numbered 0002 will be given away at the Fall Fling. The coins are available at the 700th AS.

Dobbins K-9s receive bomb and drug certification

By Senior Airman Micky Cordiviola
Public Affairs

On June 10 Argo and Eddie, the K-9s highlighted in the July issue of the *Minuteman*, successfully com-



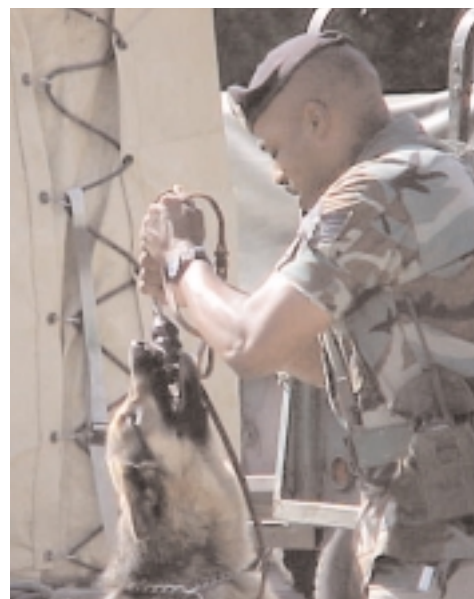
Staff Sgt. James Mason, and his dog Eddie, both of the 94th Security Forces Squadron, search a humvee for bombs. (Photo by Tech. Sgt. Keith Going)

pleted a test to obtain their certification here at Dobbins.

Certification for K-9s reinforces Security Forces confidence in the ability of the dogs to perform their job.

"Both dogs are already certified with their civilian employers," said Capt. Charles Wertheim, 94th Security Forces operations officer. "By certifying them through the Air Force we just give them a seal of approval."

A kennel master from Robins Air Force Base, Ga. spent a week working and getting to know the dogs before the actual test. Each test required that the dogs find hidden aids ranging from explosive powder to drug odors.



Staff Sgt. James Mason lets Eddie get a bite on his toy. Eddie is on loan to the 94th Security Forces Squadron from the Federal Aviation Administration. (Photo by Tech. Sgt. Keith Going)

Helping hands needed at Jonesville cemetery

The Jonesville Cemetery project needs your help on Aug. 10 and Sept. 21 from 7:30 a.m. - noon. Please bring any lawn material (i.e. lawn mowers and weed eaters) and energy.

Prior to the Civil War the land that is now known as Dobbins ARB, Lockheed Martin (Air Force plant #6) and NAS Atlanta was home to several plantations. The plantations were worked by slaves. There was an area of

land set aside for slaves who passed away. After the Civil War freed slaves established a community known as Jonesville and named the cemetery after their community. Jonesville was a small farming community in Cobb County.

For more information, contact Master Sgt. Mark Brown at mark.brown@dobbins.af.mil or (678) 655-4120.

August UTA Schedule

*schedule is subject to change

Saturday, August 3

TIME	ACTIVITY (OPR)	LOCATION
0700-0830	OPEN RANKS/SIGN IN (CC)	UNIT ASGND
0730-0800	WING ELEMENT STAFF MTG	BLDG 838/RM 1202
0730-0900	NEWCOMERS INTRO	BLDG 838/WCR
0800	WING CDRS CALL (LG)	BLDG 838/BAY 2
0900	WING CDRS CALL (OG)	BLDG 838/BAY 2
0900-1100	NBCWD (REFRESHER TNG)(CEX)	BLDG 838/RM 1322
0900-1500	NEWCOMERS ORIENTATION	BLDG 838/RM 1202
1000	WING CDRS CALL (SPTGP)	BLDG 838/BAY 2
1100-1200	FIRST SERGEANTS GP MTG	TBD
	OCCUPATIONAL PHYSICALS	TEMPORARILY CANCELLED
1300-1400	QTRLY PCIII WORKERS GP (MAR/JUN/SEP/DEC)	BLDG 827/RM 208B
1300-1500	CDC EXAMS	BLDG 838/RM 2304
1300-1500	NBCWD (REFRESHER TNG)(CEX)	BLDG 838/RM 1322
1500-1600	DEPLOYMENT MGRS MTG(XP)	BLDG 838/WCR
1600	RETREAT (CC) UNIT: FM	BLDG 922/FRONT

Sunday, August 4

TIME	ACTIVITY (OPR)	LOCATION
0645-0730	OPEN RANKS/SIGN IN (CC)	UNIT ASGND
0730	PHYSICAL EXAMS	NAVY CLINIC
0730	M16A2 (AW) TNG (SFS)	CA RANGE
0800-1100	IMMUNIZATIONS	NAVY CLINIC
0830-1100	MASK FIT (APS/AES/ASTS)	BLDG 838/RM 1322
0900	C.A.I.B. MTG (FR)	BLDG 838/RM 2313
0900-1000	YELLOW FEVER SHOTS	NAVY CLINIC
0900-1000	CHIEFS GROUP MTG (PA)	BLDG 838/RM 1202
0900-1200	CDC EXAMS	BLDG 838/RM 2304
0930	M16A2 (AW) TNG (SFS)	CA RANGE
1000	IG COMPLAINTS	BLDG 838/RM 2105
1000-1030	ENL ADVISOR COUNCIL MTG (SEA)	BLDG 838/WCR
1000-1100	30-DAY RECORD REVIEW	BLDG 838/RM 1202
1130	CMDRIS WORKING LUNCH	COM (MARIETTA RM)
1300-1400	FLYING SAFETY	BLDG 727/700 AS
1300-1500	IMMUNIZATIONS	NAVY CLINIC
1315-1400	QTRLY SUPERVISOR SAFETY TNG (MAR/JUN/SEP/DEC)	BLDG 744/ 2ND FL TNG RM
1400-1500	UNIT DP REP MTG (CEX)	BLDG 838/RM 1322
1500-1600	QTRLY NEWCMRS MTG (94AW/CC) (JAN/APR/JUL/OCT)	CONSOL OPEN MESS

Herk Wonders



What changes would you like to see to the base newspaper?

“I know that you print a list of the newly promoted but I’d like to see a list of those eligible for promotion, each month.”

Tech. Sgt. Robert Fluharty, 94th Maintenance Squadron

“I’d like to see lottery tickets, discounts or coupons.”

Senior Master Sgt. Steve Hogan, Communication and Navigation supervisor, 94th Avionics

“How about job openings on base?”

Tech. Sgt. Bert Jones, 94th Maintenance Squadron

“I’ve seen a ‘Did You Know’ section that had little-known military facts about history or uniform regulations.”

Tech. Sgt. Gary Clarke, Structural Maintenance technician, 94th Maintenance Squadron

“I can’t think of anything I’d like to change about the paper. The Minuteman is great the way it is.”

Master Sgt. Donna Bridges, 94th Airlift Wing Legal Office.

“The paper is fine to me. I look at it every month and I think it’s very informative. I don’t see anything wrong with it.”

Staff Sgt. Cheryl McCurty, 94th Mission Support Squadron.

Want to see the UTA schedule sooner? The most current issue of the Minuteman is always available online one week prior to the UTA. Access -- http://www.afrc.af.mil/22AF/94aw/pa_minuteman.asp

Show your squadron pride!

During the August UTA Reservist Appreciation Night at the Consolidated Club, the squadron with the most participants will receive a pony keg and Hors d'voures party. A squadron commander is worth \$10 services bucks! Can you rise to the challenge?

Remember — during Reservist Appreciation Night, the club provides members with dinner featuring chicken supreme, Salisbury steak with onions, buttered linguini, fresh green beans and soft rolls. There is also a D.J., karaoke, lots of prizes and club specials!

The next Reservist Appreciation Night will be Aug. 3, beginning at 4:30 p.m. at the Consolidated Club. The winning squadron must call 48 hours ahead for pony keg party at (678) 655-4594 and speak with Betsy Ford. Value of pony keg party is \$300.

Club buffets

Dine in elegance at the Consolidated Club on UTA Sundays at 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

For only \$9.95 or \$8.95 with a club member discount you can enjoy buffets to rival our special holiday buffets. For more information, call (678) 655-4594. Reservations are not required, but are recommended.

Win great prizes

Would you like to win a TV, DVD player, stereo system or many other great prizes? Dine at the Consolidated Club Monday - Friday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and save your receipt, print your name, phone number and club card number on the back, then place your receipt in the prize box. Prize drawings are scheduled on the last workday of each month.

Friday evening dining

Join the Consolidated Club for dinner on Friday evenings and enjoy a new menu featuring prime rib, rib eye delmonico, chicken Bordeaux, shrimp fettuccine, pasta primavera, grilled salmon and grilled chicken Caesar salad. Order a bottle of the perfect wine to compliment your meal. As always, Chuck Weirich provides dinner music for your enjoyment.

Super BINGO

Welcome back super bingo at the Consolidated Club. Scheduled for Sept. 19, doors open and cards go on sale at 4 p.m. The early bird game will be called at 6:45 p.m. and regular games are scheduled at 7 p.m. sharp. Players must be at least 16

years of age or older to enter the bingo room. Any one entering the bingo room must purchase at least one house pack.

Football frenzy is back

Join all the other armchair quarterbacks at the club for suds & prizes. Football season starts in September and the Consolidated Club will be having a party through it all. The club will be giving away great prizes on Fridays between 4:30 - 5:30 p.m. and conducting drawings for Air Force wide giveaways such as free tickets to the Super Bowl, free tickets to the Pro Bowl, and free tickets to a regular season game. You must be present during the Friday social hour to enter in the Air

Shirt. Sign up for this event begins on Sept. 3 at the Fitness Center.

Southern Polytechnic scholarship available

Are you a reservist who will be attending Southern Polytechnic State University in the Fall of 2002? Are you a dependent of a reservist who will be attending Southern Polytechnic State University in the Fall of 2002? If so, the Dobbins Officers Wives Club has a \$1,000 scholarship available. For more information, call Lynn Murray at (770) 528-7307 from the Southern Polytechnic State University Office of Development.

ATTENTION

Dobbins Phone Number Changed

As of June 28, the Dobbins Air Reserve Base phone number prefix changed from (770) 919-XXXX to (678) 655-XXXX. On-base calls should be dialed using 5-XXXX. The DSN exchange continues to be 625-XXXX.

Force wide drawings and win prizes. You also must be a club member in good standing to win prizes.

Special Rental Center discounts

The Dobbins Rental Center is once again offering the frequent renter program. To participate just come by the Rental Center at Building 558 and ask for a frequent renter card. Your card will be stamped for each rental of \$30 or more. Get five stamps and you will receive up to \$50 off one rental.

Lunchtime made fun

Lunch can be great fun if you are part of the Fitness Center Fun Run beginning at 11:45 a.m. on Wednesday, Sept. 18. This two-mile run begins at the Dobbins Fitness Center and is open to everyone. Every finisher receives a participation T-

On-the-go eating

The Verhulst Hall Dining facility continues the "Meals to Go Window." During UTA lunches, call the menu line at (770) 919-3872 to find out what is on the lunch menu and then fax your order to (770) 919-3430. Be sure to include your name and unit. If you do not have access to a fax machine, you can also place orders at the window. Individuals must be present to sign for their meal. Multiple orders for pick up by a single person can be handled through the window. The window is located at the rear of the dining facility across from the billeting office.

Dobbins Inn is now hiring

The Dobbins Inn now hiring for its newly renovated lodging building. For more information about the application process and details about the position, call Missy Bozeman at (678) 655-4797.

Will you be traveling this summer?

Preventing crime during family travel starts with making sure your home is protected while you're away. The key is to make it look like you never left. Here are a few tips to make the home look lived in.

- * Keep shades and blinds in their normal positions. They should be closed. You don't want the contents of your home easily seen from the outside.

- * Stop mail and newspapers, or ask a neighbor to pick them up every day.

- * Put several household lights on timers so they turn on and off at appropriate times.

- * Arrange to have grass mowed while you're gone.

- * Make sure all of your door and window locks are in working order.

- * Activate your home alarm.

- * Let a family member or trusted friend know you are going away. Give them the details of when you are leaving and your expected return.

Parent care

As medicine improves, people are living longer. The question of how to help care for older parents has become more common. More importantly, how to address the situation while respecting your parents' choices can be overwhelming. An assessment of a parent's mental, physical, environment, social and financial condition will help. It is essential that your parents participate in the discussion and decision making before they are unable to do so. Professional services are available. Some hospitals, clinics and social service offices offer geriatric assessments.

Some resources include AARP Caregivers Circle Discussion Board at www.aarp.org; National Council on Aging benefits checkup at www.benefitscheckup.org; and Eldercare locator at www.aoa.gov/directory or (800) 677-116.

Base Supply 'need to know items'

All organizations wanting to view their supply listings can access \\dobb1\supply\supply_reports\fy2002\

After accessing the link organizations can pull up their information and view the desired list. Copy the link to your favorites for future reference. Return your M-30 (due out validation listing) from Supply if only if changes are required. For more information, call Willie Young at (678) 655-5015.

Newly Assigned

Maj. Gregory A. Finkbiner
 Capt. James R. Coles
 Master Sgt. Timothy J. Shaw
 Tech. Sgt. Carlton T. Stephens
 Staff Sgt. John A. Borris
 Staff Sgt. Edward L. Hart
 Staff Sgt. Brent C. James
 Staff Sgt. Sheila Ogletree
 Staff Sgt. Scott Randall
 Staff Sgt. Freda K. Rhodes
 Staff Sgt. Jeannette Russo
 Staff Sgt. Carol Taylor
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 Tanya D. Miller
 Reinaldo A. Perez
 Robert M. Worley

To Tech. Sgt.

Michael O. Bramlett
 Jerry A. Durr
 Christopher L. George
 Earl T. Hawkins
 Jason D. Hawtorne
 Robert Lay
 James Lewis
 Robert G. Mathis
 Mitchell D. McBride
 Renee L. McDowell
 Ken E. Patterson
 Zedrick S. Robinson
 John S. Sanders
 Thomas J. Vidamour
 Lyndon H. Wright

To Staff Sgt.

Don L. Baker
 Leon G. Barber
 John C. Phillips
 Keana L. Shider
 Alfred Smith

Willie J. Turpin
 Brian E. Yepez

To Senior Airman

Travis L. Davis
 Earlie Hughes Jr.
 Patrick L. Johnson
 Murjani J. Law
 Christopher B. May
 Buddy R. McNeal Jr.
 Tonia L. Reid
 Keyana R. Swift

To Airman First Class

Stephanie N. Strickland

To Airman

Kelly M. Lee

94th Mission Support Squadron Quarterly Awards

Civilian of the Quarter

Delores Green

Airman of the Quarter

Senior Airman Elisha Bowens

NCO of the Quarter

Tech. Sgt. Jaini King

Senior NCO of the Quarter

Master Sgt. Wayne Sanders

Newly Promoted

To Senior Master Sgt.

Wanda G. Green
 Gary M. Langford
 Robert E. Williams

To Master Sgt.



Suzanne Eason (right), chief of disaster preparedness, and Tommy Wigington (left), disaster preparedness technician, demonstrate how to connect the protective assessment test system. The M-41 machine is used to check the air quality in gas masks. All personnel in a mobilization slot must get their mask tested. Testing is conducted on the first two UTA Sunday s of each quarter at 8 a.m. (Photo by Senior Airman Micky Cordiviola)

AFSA to host base picnic

The Air Force Sergeants Association is serving up hamburgers and hot dogs at its annual picnic starting at 11 a.m. on Saturday, Aug. 3, at the Lakeside pavilion. Chapter 452, the Dobbins chapter, and its auxiliary sponsor the event as part of an ongoing program to support the men and women of the Air Force, especially the reservists at Dobbins.

The chapter is active in support of base activities and provides funding and manpower to accomplish goals of improving the quality of life for airmen at Dobbins. For example, last year the group donated \$300 to base units to help pay for holiday meals for activated reservists. The annual POW/MIA tree planting ceremony, which is scheduled for Sept. 20 this year, is hosted by AFSA. In addition, the chapter works with Family Readiness to support a variety of volunteer needs and occasionally provides financial aid.

“We want to make sure Dobbins airmen know that we’re here to support them,” said Sam McDowell, 452’s president. “Our picnic gives them a chance to see who we are and what we do. At the same time, we can learn more about their needs.

“We always look forward to the picnic,” said McDowell. “Everyone is invited to stop by and visit with us.”

October celebration to commemorate 20 years of H-Model planes

On October 12, 1982, the 94th Airlift Wing received its first brand-new, straight from the factory C-130 Hercules. The plane was the first in the delivery of new aircraft to the Air Force Reserve. You might recognize it now. Its tail number is 626.

To celebrate the 20th anniversary of the wing's step into a new era of flying, and in conjunction with this year's Fall Fling, special events are planned during the week of the October unit training assembly.

Along with C-130 flying events and special displays, a golf outing is planned, commemorative coins will be available, and the original crew will be in attendance. A special program, recognizing the wing's accomplishments with the C-130 aircraft, is also planned to kick off the Fall Fling.

As part of the celebration, there will be plenty of chili and wings, snacks, drinks and door prizes. The event is planned to be open to the families of reservists, Dobbins employees and retirees. Watch for more details in upcoming issues of the *Minuteman*.



Family Day 2002

Mark your calendars for Saturday, Sept. 7

On Sept. 7 from noon until 4 p.m., Dobbins Air Reserve Base will have its annual Family Day event. There will be food, music and games. It will be lots of fun for everyone. Plan on attending and bringing your family. During the event the base plans to recognize activated members and their families.

